

## UTAH HOUSING COALITION

June 4, 2008  
Annual Meeting

### **Welcome**

Lunch was served. Richard welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

### **Business**

#### *Board Elections*

All of the current board members have agreed to stay on.

#### *Annual Report*

Tara will produce

Townhall meeting with mobile homes, League of Cities and Towns conference, branding workshop, board retreat, annual conference, community fair, 2008 legislative session, housing day on hill, mobile home day on hill, Magna Fair, NAHRO conference planning, Website updates, quarterly newsletter, monthly meetings.

If anyone has topics for the monthly meetings please let Tara know.

#### *Annual Audit*

The board will meet for an audit presentation next month.

#### *Legislative*

Tara asked people to sign up to work on a committee for permanently funding OWHLF and to sign up to be on a legislative committee.

Francisca presented on the next interim. The next meeting will have three housing topics – two on zoning and one on manufactured housing. The mobile home issue will focus on preservation. This is a good opportunity for sharing ideas with legislators and deciding how to proceed. Info from the meeting will be on the website.

Shawn from UCAPA talked about the zoning items that will be presented at interim. A Utah County legislator has asked that the legislature look at how zoning affects affordable housing. They will discuss density bonuses. UCAPA is working with the League of Cities and Towns on these issues. Shawn asked that anyone who has concerns about zoning call him and talk to him about any concerns or ideas.

Tara thinks this is an exciting time and a lot of groundwork is being laid for next session.

#### *Foreclosure Task Force*

Tara has been working with the Foreclosure Task Force and will be putting together some forums and workshops about foreclosure throughout the state. The first workshop will be in St. George.

### *Conference*

The UHC annual conference will be October 7-8

### **Guest Speakers**

Richard Walker presented on the Utah Workforce Housing Initiative. He brought their guidebook. This initiative began with the idea that housing that is affordable for workers should be available in communities. They are working to make cities proactive instead of reactive in terms of producing affordable housing.

The Utah Workforce housing Initiative has been doing workshops throughout the state. They've done four of seven scheduled. The next one is tomorrow in Green River, one in Provo on 6/18 and the last one is in Richfield on 6/25. These workshops have been well attended, but they are still looking for the key to making this attractive to cities. Five cities have been selected as pilots. They are: Logan, Vernal, SSL, Moab and Boulder. These towns were chosen based on the initiative they've already shown in creating workforce housing.

UWFHI is working to assist communities in understanding their unique needs and the difference between workforce housing and affordable housing. They are encouraging states to focus on a mix of prices, housing types, designs and programs.

Richard did an overview of the guidebook including the lifecycle of housing and some guidelines for planning for workforce housing. The guidebook also discusses design options; focusing on the reality that affordable housing can be attractive. He also addressed ways to facilitate the development of workforce housing including zoning issues and fees. Richard also went through financing structures and options. The guide includes a detailed description of the development process and what it includes as well as the community-based process.

Richard was asked if they have been working to engage employers in this process. He has been working with several private and public employers.

Richard went through the housing needs projection model. This helps cities determine what kind of housing it needs. He is happy to share this with others.